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Summary: The new journal showcases student research and creative work.

(April 18, 2014)-The University of Minnesota, Morris has published the first issue of its own undergraduate scholarly journal, Scholarly Horizons. The journal honors the emphasis Morris places on undergraduate research.

“We wanted a chance to highlight some of the amazing work that students were doing,” says Jayne Blodgett, assistant director of Briggs Library.

The journal showcases some of the best student research and creative work done at Morris. Its first issue includes six papers from a wide range of fields, including psychology, political science, and economics.

“The faculty who are here, who are using undergraduate students, really believe in undergraduate research,” says Blodgett. “It’s not a matter of ‘these are the only students I have here to help me.’ The undergraduates here are proving that they can do the same type of work that graduate students can do.”

Mitch Primus ’13, whose paper was among the first to be published in Scholarly Horizons, believes that the journal provides students a valuable opportunity, particularly those who wish to pursue graduate school. Having a published paper gives students a competitive edge in the application process, he says. Publishing also gives students an opportunity to have a voice in their fields.

“At the very least, it puts my work out there where other people can read it, and maybe it will accomplish its goal of providing some direction in new research,” says Primus.

Scholarly Horizons will continue to be released each year. Work from any field can be submitted by a Morris faculty member. For more information or to download the latest issue, visit digitalcommons.morris.umn.edu/horizons/.

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